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to the change in the system of charging, the accounts are very complicated. The following is as nearly as can be ascertained the rent charge in respect of each Member or Minister on account of his telephone connexion in Ootacamund in 1922 :—

	RS.	A.	P.
The hon. the Finance Member	80	11	0
,, the Revenue Member	48	8	0
,, the Law Member	56	7	0
,, the Home Member	93	6	0
,, the Minister for Local Self-Government.	47	11	0
,, the Minister for Development ..	37	8	0
,, the Minister for Education ..	47	13	0

Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao :—" In my question I ask for 'the amount expended in connexion with the installation of telephonic communication at the residences of the Members of the Executive Council and Ministers at Ootacamund' but in the answer the charges for rent are given. I do not ask for the rent, but I ask for the amount expended in connexion with the installation of telephonic communication."

The hon. the President :—" Is not 'rent' expenditure ? "

Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao :—" No doubt 'rent' also includes expenditure, but I want to know the expenditure incurred in connexion with the installation of telephonic communication, that is, the expenditure incurred in laying the line from the main office to the Members' houses."

The hon. Sir Charles Todhunter :—" The line is laid by the Imperial department and we have nothing to do with the cost of it. The expenditure from Provincial funds is exactly what is shown in the reply to the question."

Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao :—" Am I to understand that the Government did not spend any money in laying the lines ? "

The hon. Sir Charles Todhunter :—" The hon. Member is perfectly correct in his assumption."

District board engineers.

414 *Q.*—Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is not a fact that there are a few district board engineers and assistant engineers who have already completed their 55th year and have obtained extension of service ?

A.—The Government have no definite information.

Women and children dispensary, Tiruppattur.

415 *Q.*—Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is proposed to abolish the women and children dispensary at Tiruppattur town, North Arcot district, from the 1st of October 1922, owing to financial stringency ;

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(*b*) whether it is not a fact that the inhabitants of Tiruppattur have memorialized the Government praying for its retention in view of its useful service extending over a period of three decades; and

(*c*) what action has been taken on the memorial, if any, received on the subject?

A.—(*a*) The hospital was, till the introduction of Act XIV of 1920, maintained by the District Board. Under Schedule V to that Act responsibility for medical institutions was transferred from district to taluk boards. The Tiruppattur Taluk Board has passed a resolution deciding to close the Women and Children's hospital from the 1st October 1922, if the municipal council will not take the institution under its management.

(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*c*) The Government have called for the remarks of the Surgeon-General on the subject; on receipt of his reply, the local bodies who are the authorities responsible for the maintenance of the institution will be addressed as to the continued maintenance of the institution.

A. Y. G. Campbell, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.

416 *Q.*—Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell, C.I.E., I.C.S., Acting Director of Industries, was permitted to proceed to England on study leave; and

(2) why he was not allowed to return to his original appointment as Director of Industries, but was posted to some other job?

A.—Mr. Campbell did not proceed to England on study leave and there was no question of his being allowed or not allowed to return to the post of Director of Industries. His posting to the Board of Revenue was considered to be the posting that best met the requirements of the public service at the time being.

Reconstruction in Malabar.

417 *Q.*—Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what amounts were advanced from Government funds in each of the months of March, April, May and June in Malabar for reconstruction purposes to Mappillas and non-Mappillas, respectively, and whether there was any difference in the terms on which such advances were granted, and, if so, whether he will be pleased to specify them;

(*b*) the number of Mappilla convicts who have been permitted to commute their imprisonment for a fine;

(*c*) what is the number of Mappilla rebels killed in the military operations;

(*d*) what is the number of Mappilla prisoners captured during military operations;

(*e*) how many were arrested by the police since the withdrawal of Martial Law;